

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
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**AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated 01 September 2006, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply is timely. No fee is due. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any unaccounted fee(s), such as for extension of time, excess claim fees, etc., required to maintain pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.